

REMARKS

This amendment is being filed along with a Request for Continued Examination subsequent to a Notice of Appeal filed on August 29, 2005.

Claims 20 and 28-56 are pending in this application, with claims 20, 34, 41 and 49 being independent. Claim 20 has been amended; claims 1, 2, 4, 9, 11, 15, 19, 21, and 23 have been canceled; and claims 28-56 have been added. Support for the amendment to claim 20 and the newly added claims 28-56 is shown, for example, in Fig. 3C of the application. No new matter has been added.

Independent claim 20 has been rejected as being unpatentable over Kim (U.S. Patent No. 5,846,877) in view of Tu (U.S. Patent No. 5,308,794). Applicants have amended claim 20 to obviate this rejection.

Claim 20, as amended, recites a semiconductor device having a thin film transistor that includes a semiconductor layer on an insulating surface. The semiconductor layer has a side recessed portion. A gate electrode is adjacent to the semiconductor layer with a gate insulating film interposed therebetween. An electrode is in contact with the semiconductor layer. The electrode contains a first layer and a second layer. The side recessed portion of the semiconductor layer is filled with the first layer. Applicants request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claim 20 because neither Kim, Tu, nor any proper combination of the two describes or suggests the recited semiconductor layer having a side recessed portion filled with the recited first layer.

Applicants submit that all claims are in condition for allowance.

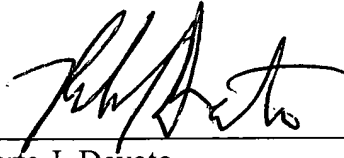
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